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1. US views on Austrian occupation forces-- Secretary of State Acheson in Paris expresses the view that no action need be taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers concerning occupation forces in Austria. The Secretary emphasizes that only main issues of the Austrian treaty are being dealt with by the Council of Foreign Ministers, and that the Deputy Foreign Ministers will resume work to complete the draft treaty by 1 September. The Secretary points out that ratifications of the treaty will require about six months and that afterwards there are 90 days in which to withdraw occupation forces. The Secretary favors four-power agreement on the creation of an Austrian army and suggests that if the USSR does not agree, the western powers might consider going ahead in their zones. The Secretary points out that if delays occur in establishing adequate Austrian forces, ratification of the treaty could be postponed to avoid creating a military vacuum in Austria.

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